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1. The following is Source's report on a mission which KEDIA gave Mme. BERTRAND-NEETENS:

"I met KEDIA Wednesday evening in Geneva and had a long conversation with him. He told me that his financial situation is very bad and that he is not active and feels very bitter about the way in which the USA and Great Britain are losing their struggle with STALIN by letting the latter gain the advantage by rapidity of action. 'Nothing to be done now', he concluded.

2. I had an appointment with Mme. B (BERTRAND-NEETENS) on Friday when she telephoned me Thursday evening with the request that I accompany her to the French Frontier at Delle-Boncourt (Canton of Bern) where she was to meet a Georgian arriving from Paris.

3. She explained to me on Friday that the Swiss and the French are watching all meetings taking place in the Canton of Geneva and for reasons of security it was better to go to Delle. She was to meet a young man named Schota ALIPASCHVILI, who appeared at the frontier with the identity card of a French citizen in the name of BERCIER; he arranged to see Mme. B as casually as possible in the restaurant on the Swiss side.

4. The young SCHOTA, 1.80m tall, very dark, broad shoulders, swarthy complexion, about 26 yrs of age, speaks French without accent, came from KEDIA's friends and relatives in Paris, Mme. KEDIA and KOBASHIDZE. He had no letters but said that all of KEDIA's friends in France are in a difficult situation and that if de GAULLE comes into power they all risk being arrested as Bolsheviks. What does KEDIA think? Mme. B explained that KEDIA thought the Georgian politics in France had been ridiculous and that it was high time to show signs of wisdom, nothing prevented them from writing against the Soviets, however he believed that those most compromised should leave France either for Switzerland, Italy or Spain. KEDIA gave the following message for the young SCHOTA: he, SCHOTA, should come as often as possible to Switzerland; if he could get a visa on his French passport, KEDIA intended to intrust him with a mission in Spain. Young SCHOTA declared that KOBASHIDZE demanded that KEDIA call a conference of the group in Switzerland for April or at the latest May because the group's conference could not take place in Spain due to the Spanish refusal to grant the necessary visas. Mme. B answered that KOBASHIDZE was not in a position to demand anything

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and everything would be taken care of in time. SCHOTA asked if BERIDZE, by any chance, had betrayed KEDIA; Mme. B was very astonished by that question and begged SCHOTA to be more precise in what he meant but the latter avoided answering. After talking for an hour, Mme. B handed over to SCHOTA \$3,000 which the latter took with obvious satisfaction.

5. Returning to Geneva, I asked Mme. B for more detailed information on this meeting. She told me that she was not sufficiently informed in the background so that she only understood a half of the matter. KEDIA came the day before to Diablerets and begged her most urgently to go to Delle and give the money to SCHOTA. She knew nothing more; she had met SCHOTA several times in Paris but was ignorant of his exact role. She believes that KEDIA and BERIDZE have decided to work with the English to see what will happen there."

(FIELD COMMENT: It would seem that KEDIA's financial situation is not as bad as he described to Source if he, KEDIA, is in a position to give SCHOTA \$3,000. It would also appear that the KEDIA/BERIDZE combination are financing KOBACHIDZE in spite of KEDIA's denunciations of KOBACHIDZE's communist sympathies. Another point is that if KEDIA is working for the BIS, is he tapping KOBACHIDZE in Paris for that purpose or is KOBACHIDZE tapping KEDIA's activities for the Soviets. In any case the young SCHOTA appears to be trying to drive a wedge between KEDIA and BERIDZE by suggesting to Mme. B that BERIDZE may have betrayed KEDIA. We are asking source to try to get more information from Mme. B on the matter, if the latter is willing to give it. Her explanation to Source that she does not know more of the background of SCHOTA's courier service and role in the whole affair appears to us most unsatisfactory: KEDIA would not be likely to send her as his representative with \$3,000 if he did not trust her and she were uninformed.)

TRACES: BERTRAND-NEETENS: MSBA-274; MSB-1375

KOBACHIDZE: MSBA-484, 487, 274; MSB-1375, 1316

BERIDZE: MSB-1465, 1375; MSBA-487

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